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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: USE OF CONFISCATED US AIRCRAFT IN GOC

NARCOTICS AVIATION SUPPORT UNIT (PIPER NAVAJO)

REF: STATE 009684 AND BOGOTA 00094

SUMMARY: MISSION HAS CONFIRMED THAT WANDERING TIGERS' LOCAL ATTORNEY IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN JUDICIAL RELIEF FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONFISCATING PIPER NAVAJO AIRCRAFT FAA NUMBER N-9045Y. ATTORNEY BELIEVES THAT JUDICIAL PROCESS WILL TAKE UP TO ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AND INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, WE ARE INFORMING GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS THAT USG CANNOT AT THIS TIME MODIFY, REFURBISH OR OTHERWISE FUND USE SUBJECT AIRCRAFT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PROJECT AGREEMENT TQ-5.

1. MISSION IS IN CONTACT WITH WANDERING TIGERS' COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY DR. ROBERTO DAVILA, WHO CONFIRMS THAT HE IS SEEKING RELEASE OF SUBJECT PIPER AIRCRAFT THROUGH COLOMBIAN SUPREME COURT. DAVILA NOTED--AND MISSION RECORDS SUPPORT FACT--THAT AIRCRAFT WAS FORMALLY CONFISCATED BY EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 340 OF NOV 14, 1975, AND TURNED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS). THIS ACTION WAS, ACCORDING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAVILA, SANCTIONED BY THE SUPERIOR CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL OF BOGOTA. THROUGH DR. DAVILA CLAIMS TO BE OPTIMISTIC THAT AIRCRAFT WILL EVENTUALLY BE RETURNED TO FLYIN TIGERS, HE AVERS THAT APPEAL PROCEDURE THROUGH SUPREME COURT WOULD NORMALLY TAKE UP TO ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE. THOUGH MISSION HAS NO GROUNDS FOR SHRINKING DAVILA'S CONFIDENCE THAT APPEAL WILL SUCCEED, PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN NARCOTICS CASES INDICATES THAT LITIGATION WILL BE

PROTRACTED, AS HE PREDICTS.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED STATE REFTTEL, MISSION IS INFORMING THE GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS THAT USG CANNOT MODIFY, REFURBISH OR OTHERWISE FUND THE INCLUSION OF SUBJECT PIPER NAVAJO INTO THE NARCOTICS AVIATION UNIT UNTIL THE GOC SUPREME COURT RULES ON THE APPEAL FILED BY WANDERING TIGERS, INCORPORATED. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ABOVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION, MISSION WILL INFORMALLY SUGGEST TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICIALS THAT THEY SEEK EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS APPEAL.

3. UNLESS WANDERING TIGERS' LOCAL ATTORNEY BELIEVES IT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, MISSION PLANS TO APPROACH FMREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS OF WANDERING TIGERS' APPEAL, NOTING US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN EARLY RESOLUTION THIS CASE.

4. WITH REGARD TO PREOCCUPATION (PARA THREE STATE REFTTEL) THAT CCINC FUNDS ARE APPLIED ONLY TO AIRCRAFT PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNCTIONS, MISSION BELIEVES THAT PARAGRAPH H OF STANDARD PROVISIONS ANNEX TO AVIATION UNIT PROJECT AGREEMENT PROVIDES AMPLE PROTECTION IN CASE ANY CONFISCATED AIRCRAFT IS ULTIMATELY RETURNED TO ORIGINAL OWNER BY GOC JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.
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